

County Leaders Form New Crime Prevention Council

Formation of a Crime Prevention Council for the County of Los Angeles to stem the rising tide and costs of crime was announced Monday by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The Council, composed of key County department heads, held an organizational meeting Monday.

The Council took its name at the suggestion of District Attorney William B. McKesson.

Hahn explained that the Council will coordinate the efforts of all departments and groups dealing in crime prevention.

Between 1959 and 1962, major crime in the Los Angeles Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area has jumped 19.9 per cent compared to a population increase of 8.1 per cent.

A BREAKDOWN of the overall figure shows an increase of 25 per cent in murders and non-negligent manslaughter; 32.3 per cent in robbery; 12.3 per cent in aggravated assault; 12.04 per cent in burglary; 14.1

per cent in larceny; and 19.2 per cent in auto theft.

Only major category to decrease between 1959 and 1962 was forcible rape, down 11.1 per cent.

Judge H. Eugene Britenbach, presiding judge of the Juvenile Court, put it this way: "Crime is overwhelming our society."

Judge Kenneth Chantry, presiding judge of the Superior Court, pointed out that 18 departments of his court are now devoted to hearing criminal cases, "and if crime continues to increase at the present rate, it is conceivable we could have almost all of our departments hearing criminal cases with very few left for civil litigation."

ALSO ATTENDING the meeting were Chief Administrative Officer Lindon Hollinger, Inspector Harold Stallings of the Sheriff's Department, Superintendent of Schools C. C. Trillingham, Chief Probation Officer Leland Carter, William Barr, head of the Charities Department; Public

Defender Erling Hovden, Assistant County Counsel John Maharg, Judge Joseph A. Wapner, presiding judge of the Criminal Courts; and Judge Ernestine Stahlhut, presiding judge of the Municipal Court.

On motion of Judge Joseph Wapner, presiding judge of the Criminal Courts, the Council will meet again in 60 days after conducting staff conferences to determine how each department can coordinate with others to combat crime.

Transamerica Development Replaces Capital Company

Capital Company, subsidiary of Transamerica Corporation and developer of the 6,200 acre Palos Verdes project has changed its name to Transamerica Development Company, effective Jan. 1, 1964, according to a joint announcement by Edward F. Ryan, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and Edward B. Juliber, president.

Ryan explained that the new name better describes the company's activities and gives greater emphasis to its affiliation with Transamerica Cor-

poration, and its various subsidiary companies. He further stated that the real estate, investment and development subsidiary is unique with its 35 years of broad experience in the development, construction, management and sales of real estate. Present holdings involve sizeable projects in northern and Southern California, Arizona, and Colorado.

THE PALOS VERDES project, headed by Assistant Vice President George Wright, is one of Transamerica Develop-

ment Company's most successful operations. Besides acting with its partners as primary developers of the Peninsula, the company is developing Peninsula Center, the 112-acre shopping complex on the Peninsula.

The company's entrance into direct residential development came with MonteVerde. The MonteVerde development which adjoins the Los Verdes Golf Course on the Peninsula, has been widely acclaimed for its aesthetic qualities and preservation of natural beauty, and

received a special commendation from the Palos Verdes Community Art Association, as well as the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce award for excellence in land development.

Edward B. Juliber, president of Transamerica Development Company, stated that in the future the company intends to broaden its role in the development of residential, commercial and industrial projects.

There is no instinct like that of the heart.—Byron.

LBSC Features

Chilean Art

An exhibition of major works by contemporary painters of Chile will be featured at Long Beach State College beginning Sunday. The exhibit will be in the Art Gallery on campus. It will run through Jan. 23.

The opening reception will be held Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the gallery. The exhibit will remain open Sunday until 10 p.m. Weekday hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Bookman's Notebook

Herald Columnist Delaplane Publishes New Travel Book

Stan Delaplane, whose travel column appears regularly in THE HERALD, is at his relaxed best as a travel writer in a sparkling guidebook entitled "Pacific Pathways."

This is both an urbane and eminently practical rundown on the trials and delights of coming face to face with those far-away places one promises himself he will visit, and that more and more Americans are visiting each year: Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, and a group of Pacific areas further off the beaten path—Pitcairn Island to Indonesia.

The test of a successful travel guide is whether it appeals to the unfortunate citizen who is not ticketed into this Captain Cook country. It is almost impossible to start reading anywhere in this book without continuing at least to the end of the chapter. Boro Boro, for instance: "I like this so much I don't know whether to recommend it or not. I'd like to keep it a secret. The most beautiful island in the world, without question . . . The last paradise."

If one intends to see for himself, there is plenty of hard information on these Pacific areas: how to get there; visas, customs, currency; entertainments; tours, shopping; drinking conditions (water and otherwise). This is presented not like a statistician's report, as so many travel guides are these days, but is played against the author's personal experiences and irritations, many of these fascinating anecdotes in themselves.

"Prices in Tokyo are beginning to match those of New York and Paris—however in Japan there is no tipping." HONG KONG: "Most women fall at some time into the engaging slit skirt called a 'cheongsam.' If you are slim, you can do it."

BANGKOK: "The language is Thai—and believe me that's about all . . . This being a sightseeing town, I did not get with it very much. But it's on your round-the-Pacific route and it doesn't cost any more to stop."

TAHITI: "The Tahitian girl competes with an island full of flaming hibiscus . . . When you see the morning traffic of putt-putt bicycles, the print 'pareus,' and the long black hair streaming down girls' backs, it's like watching a parade of tropical flowers."

HAWAII: "Travel to Hawaii requires the U.S. dollar and the more the merrier."

Delaplane himself explains this fine, anecdotal, practical introduction to the Pacific: "I guess if you wanted a really complete guide, you'd have schools in head-hunting, or

to give someone addresses for witch doctoring your enemies. But this book should keep a traveler eating regularly and sleeping comfortably. I spent ten years learning it myself. Pacific travel is increasing faster than any place in the world. But it's primitive in lots of parts and a first-timer needs help."

Here is help, right from the horse's mouth, so to speak.

County Gets Two Parcels For Drainage

The Board of Supervisors has approved a settlement for two parcels of land needed for the Dominguez Channel flood control improvement in the Wilmington area, Supervisor Burton W. Chace reported today.

Parties to the pact are the County Flood Control District and the Shell Oil Co.

It provides for the District to pay the company \$1,850 for a sewer easement over one parcel and for an ingress and egress easement over the other, Chace said.

Site of the two parcels is the channel crossing at Main Street.

Present construction plans call for advertising the section of Dominguez Channel from Vermont Avenue to Avalon Boulevard about the middle of this year, Chace said.

Improvement of the 18-mile watercourse from its headwaters in Inglewood to an outlet at San Pedro Bay is being directed by District Chief Engineer M. E. Salisbury, Supervisor Chace added.

Navy Wants Young Men As Corpsmen

Qualification examinations for the Navy's hospital corpsman and dental technician programs are being administered daily at the Torrance Navy Recruiting Station, 1520 Cravens Ave.

Chief Boatswain's Mate E. V. Isaak, the local recruiter, explained that Hospital Corpsmen are the Navy's enlisted pharmacist, medical technicians, and first aid personnel, while dental technicians assist dental officers in oral surgery and patient treatment.

High school graduates, and prospective graduates may enlist in this field with guaranteed assignment to a technical training school upon completion of recruit training.

Further information may be obtained by visiting the Recruiting Office between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily except Sunday.

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